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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY, APRIL 5, 1978 (SALT TWO-
1676)

REF: A. SALT TWO-1678
B. SALT TWO-1679
C. SALT TWO-1677

1. IN HIS STATEMENT (REF A) AT APRIL 5 PLENARY, SEMENOV
MADE PACKAGE PROPOSAL ON ASBMS (REF B). HE ACCEPTED US
LANGUAGE FOR PROTOCOL ARTICLE IV AND WITHDREW PROPOSED
TREATY BAN ON MIRVED ASBMS. TREATY WOULD PROVIDE FOR
ASBMS TO BE COUNTED UNDER THE AGGREGATE CEILINGS AND THE
RELEVANT MIRV SUBCEILINGS AFTER PROTOCOL PERIOD UNLESS
SIDES AGREE IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS THAT ASBMS NOT BE
DEPLOYED AFTER PROTOCOL PERIOD. PACKAGE IS CONTINGENT UPON
US ACCEPTANCE THAT ONLY "BOMBERS" BE EQUIPPED WITH ASBMS.

2. MY STATEMENT (REF C) REBUTTED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SIN-
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GLE RV ICBM EXEMPTION TO NEW TYPES BAN. I SAID THAT
QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO WHY SOVIET UNION HAD EXPRESSED
NEED FOR SUCH A NEW IMPROVED ICBM SYSTEM WHICH COULD HAVE
HARD-TARGET KILL CAPABILITY AND THUS BE DESTABILIZING.
3. IN POST-PLENARY CONVERSTAION SEMENOV HINTED AT ARTICLE
XVI COMPROMISE TO INCLUDE ALL MULTIPLE LAUNCHES BUT EXEMPT
ALL SINGLE LAUNCHES NOT PLANNED BEYOND NATIONAL TERRITORY.

ON ICBM NEW TYPES I STRESSED US CONCERN OVER WHY USSR WOULD WANT NEW SINGLE-RV ICBM. SEMENOV RESPONDED THAT SOVDEL WAS AWAITING US REACTION TO SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AGREED STATEMENT DEFINING NEW TYPES.

4. ROWNY/BELETSKY-STARODUBOV BILATERAL

STARODUBOV SUGGESTED THAT SOVIET SIDE EQUATES THE NUMBER OF ALCMS ON A B-52 TO NUMBER OF REENTRY VEHICLES ON A POSEIDON. IT FOLLOWS THAT IF A B-52 OR OTHER AIRCRAFT CARRIED TWICE OR THREE TIMES THAT MANY CRUISE MISSILES, THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD COUNT AS TWO OR THREE UNITS IN 1320 LIMIT.

5. JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN BILATERAL

REFERRING TO "AGING" MISSILES, SHCHUKIN SAID THAT COMPONENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT. HE ADDED THAT NEW ICBM WOULD REPLACE SS-11. REGARDING "STRATEGIC" AND "TACTICAL" USES OF CRUISE MISSILES, HE SAID THAT ANY CRUISE MISSILE WITH RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KM WOULD BE LIMITED BY AGREEMENT.

6. LTCOL JOHNSON-KEEN/BEKETOV BILATERAL

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RE US HEAVY BOMBER PROPOSAL, BEKETOV OBJECTED TO US POSITIONS ON CONVERSION OF TRANSPORTS, LACK OF FRODS ON B-52S EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES, AND CLAIM THAT BEAR ASWS ARE HEAVY BOMBERS.

7. NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12. EARLE

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